

office from the place now allotted to them in the shed (to wait) and that they are therefore forced to go across this coffee club in order to reach the booking office ;

(g) whether they have any objection either to shift the booking office from its present place to the north-western corner of the building or to set apart a special passage for the use of the 1st and 2nd class passengers ;

(h) whether they are aware that there is no watchman or porter in attendance in the 1st and 2nd class passengers' waiting room, with the result that the few chairs and benches there are all occupied by some kind of loafers (as they may be styled) at all times of the day ;

(i) whether they have any idea to put a stop to the entrance of professional beggars (into the waiting shed) who bother and even molest passengers ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The necessity for a good restaurant was being badly felt.

(b) No representations have been received.

(c) There was no special intention to do so.

(d) 450 sq. ft. Yes, but the hall is spacious enough to accommodate both the hotel and the 3rd class passengers.

(e) (1) By the end of 1102.

(2) In 1103.

(3) In Chingam 1106.

(f) Yes. The arrangements for the counters are not completed. A passage for 1st and 2nd class passengers to go to the ticket office will be provided.

(g) Vide answer to (f) above.

(h) There is a watchman in charge of the building. It is reported that all classes of people are making use of the building. Definite instructions regarding this will be given.

(i) This will be seen to as far as possible.

Ferry landing at Cochin.

147. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what action has been taken by Government to provide a proper waiting room at Mattancheri Ferry Landing place ;

(2) (a) is the Government not aware of the very bad and insanitary condition of the premises at that landing place, and the inconveniences that the travelling public is put to thereby ;

(b) what action has the Government taken on the representation about the same and the necessity for providing proper accommodation and waiting room there that was made on the floor of this House ;

(3) what is the number of shops that are situated on these premises;

(4) what is the extent of the area at the landing place belonging to Government;

(5) what income does the Government get from the lease of these premises at present in the Revenue Department, in the D. P. W., in the Canal Department and the Excise Department;

(6) what income does the Mattancheri Municipal Council derive from these premises by way of landing dues, license fees, house-tax etc?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Provision has been made in the current year's budget and estimate is being prepared.

(2) (a) The condition is not satisfactory.

(b) Vide answer to sub-division (1) above.

(3) Six.

(4) 4½ cents.

(5) The Revenue Department alone gets an annual rent of Rs. 22—8—0.

(6) Landing dues Rs. 600 nearly. License fee—this is fluctuating. The income for 1105 was Rs. 15.

House-tax Rs. 42—9—c.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sub-division (4)—Sir, may I know whether these 6 shops are all situated on that 4½ cents?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I also know what is the provision in the current year's budget for which estimate has been prepared?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Seven thousand rupees.

Tolls from Kunnamkulam-Guruvayur road and paying Trichur road.

148. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of tolls realised from (a) Kunnamkulam-Guruvayur road;

(1) by the Trichur Municipality;

(2) and by the Government from rural toll gates along that road;

(b) from Kanjani—Trichur road;

(1) by the Trichur Municipality;

(2) and by the Government from rural toll gates along that road?